

Rice on the Record for New Biography

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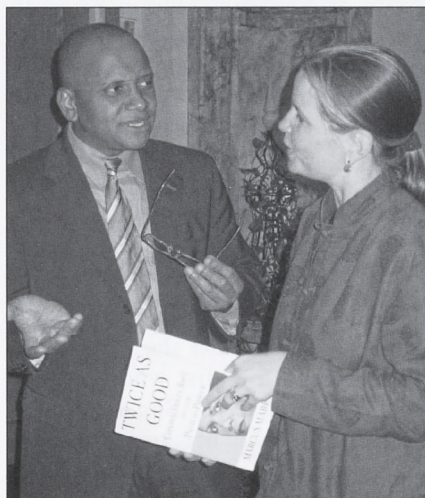
by Sonya K. Fry

When Condoleezza Rice was only 9 years old, she stood in front of the White House with her father, John Rice, and proclaimed that one day she would work there.

Marcus Mabry, author of *Twice as Good: Condoleezza Rice and Her Path to Power*, the new biography of the Secretary of State, said at the June OPC Book Night, that as a young black girl from segregated Birmingham, Alabama, she was either extraordinarily prescient and gifted, or delusional. Mabry said that in a way, that has been the story of her meteoric rise to the top of the academic and government worlds.

Mabry interviewed Rice extensively and had access to her family, closest friends, mentors, colleagues and Bush Administration insiders, so there is a real window into Rice personally, privately and politically.

When asked what Rice thought of the book, Mabry said he heard that Rice thought the book was "fair," but that the Secretary said she was "surprised" by Mabry's psychoanalysis of her. Rice told Mabry during interviews that she considered self-analysis a "waste of time." Mabry told the audience at the OPC that such analysis was



DARLENE WOLFE

Marcus Mabry and Minky Warden, media director for Human Rights Watch, discuss Mabry's book *Twice as Good* at the reception before the discussion with William J. Dobson, managing editor of *Foreign Policy*.

one of his jobs as a biographer.

In an ironic twist that focused her early career, Josef Korbel, father of Madeleine Albright, was Rice's professor at Denver University. After Rice had just given up her dream of being a concert pianist, he guided her to the world of international politics.

Korbel became a second father even though they didn't seem to have much in common: Rice was an 18-year-old black woman from the South and Korbel was a 64-year-old Czech immigrant who fled fascism and then communism. Korbel was an inspiration to Rice and led her to become an academic expert in the Soviet Union and communism.

One cannot help but draw a comparison to the relationship between Rice and President George W. Bush.

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Citigroup Initiative Takes on Climate Change

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by Sonya K. Fry

Watch a television report on melting glaciers and stranded polar bears, or read article after article about global warming and suddenly you begin to see that environmental issues are becoming a truly international concern.

On Monday, June 25, Michael Klein, Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of Citi Markets and Banking and Vice Chairman of Citibank International plc, will speak to the OPC and environmental reporters about Citi's new initiative. Klein was named Investment Banker of the Year by *Investment Dealers Digest* and one of *Fortune* magazine's 25 Global Leaders to watch.

Klein will discuss Citi's investments in clean energy and alternative technology, affordable home equity loans to make homes more energy-efficient and bringing together business and political



Michael Klein

leaders to discuss social responsibility. For example, Citi Private Bank and the *Financial Times* have created an Environmental Award for businesses around the world that have significantly improved their environmental performance.

"With a presence in more than 100 countries, Citi holds a unique position

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Rice's Personal Life and Political Path Detailed in Biography

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She is sophisticated, an intellectual and realist, and yet she is drawn in by a down-home West Texas politician who is a moralist and ideologue.

Rice began working for the George H. W. Bush Administration in 1989 where she served as an advisor on Soviet and Eastern European Affairs.

In 1999, Rice took a leave of absence from Stanford to work as G.W. Bush's foreign policy advisor in his presidential election campaign.

When Bush was elected, Rice was chosen as his national security advisor and she became one of the most vocal proponents of the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

In 2004, she replaced Colin Powell as Secretary of State. In the book, Mabry digs deeply into the reasons that she has supported the Iraq War, her relationship to George W. Bush and why she did not want the job of Secretary of State.

Mabry has a similar background to Rice: They are both African Americans with roots in the South, educated at Stanford and students of international affairs. In fact, when Mabry interviewed Rice, they were astonished to learn that their paths never crossed while at Stanford — she was teaching while he was a student —

but deduced that at the time she had a busy travel schedule.

Mabry is chief of correspondents for *Newsweek* and an OPC Board member. This is the first book about the Secretary of State that has had her cooperation.

During the OPC event, Mabry had a conversation about the book with William J. Dobson, managing editor of *Foreign Policy*. Prior to joining *Foreign Policy*, Dobson served as *Newsweek International's* senior editor for Asia. He is an expert in Asian politics and security and U.S. foreign policy.

Before the event, Mabry was on hand to talk with OPC members and sign "Twice as Good" (Rodale Press, Emmaus, PA).

About the Secretary of State, Mabry concluded that she is brilliant, charming and a realist who does not accept the negative. She is single-minded and this is her great strength, and could in the end be her fatal flaw.

Rice has clung tenaciously to George W. Bush's policies in Iraq and yet within that framework she has managed to keep the Bush Administration on course to continue working with North Korea and to be a constructive voice in the Middle East morass.



DARLENE WOLFE

Don Underwood, William J. Dobson, managing editor of *Foreign Policy* and author Marcus Mabry at the reception.

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within the global community," said Citi Chairman and CEO Charles Prince. "The comprehensive program we are announcing is not a wish-list, but a realistic, achievable plan that serves a critical global need and responds to an emerging investment opportunity."

This talk on merging the interests of business and environment will take place at Club Quarters, 40 West 45 Street, New York, on Monday, June 25.

Reception begins at 5:30 p.m., discussion will follow at 6:15 p.m. RSVP to the OPC office: 212-626-9220.

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ARLINGTON, Virginia: Nancy Hartzenbusch,

widow of OPC member **Henry Hartzenbusch**, continues working as a Spanish-language interpreter and translator in the Northern Virginia Courts "mainly because it keeps me mentally and physically healthy and provides the funds to keep traveling." Nancy, who grew up in South America, and Henry, raised in China, lived for many years in Manila, Tokyo and Hong Kong when he was an AP correspondent and manager.

BAGHDAD: The U.S. military said American troops in May killed Muharib Abdul Latif al-Jubouri, a senior Al Qaeda propagandist who was involved in the kidnapping of *Christian Science Monitor* reporter **Jill Carroll**. Identified by a U.S. spokesman as Al Qaeda's "senior minister of information," Jubouri was killed in a firefight north of Baghdad. Carroll was held hostage in Iraq for two months last year, and Jubouri was responsible for moving her between various hiding places, said U.S. spokesman Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV.

BAQOUBA, Iraq: **Dmitry Chebotayev**, 29, a Russian freelance photographer on assignment for the Russian edition of *Newsweek*, and six U.S. soldiers were killed May 6 when a roadside bomb exploded in a huge blast under the U.S. Stryker troop carrier in which they were riding. **Leonid Parfyonov**, the magazine's editor, called Chebotayev "a very good photographer. He was a young guy who took risks, who often worked in hot spots," including Iraq and Chechnya.

BRUSSELS: The European Commission passed legislation this spring aimed at keeping theater ads honest. The measure will make it illegal for advertisers to misquote theater reviews by taking a positive word or phrase from the review if it gives a misleading sense of the whole review. The rule will take effect in December.

CAIRO: **Howayda Taha Matwali**, an Al Jazeera producer, was sentenced in May to six months in jail or a fine of 30,000 Egyptian pounds (\$5,200) for her part in producing a feature on torture by Egyptian police. She was arrested in January while the Arabic TV channel was collecting material for the feature, including recordings of torture incidents. She was charged with damaging Egypt's image and accused of possessing fabricated video material. Taha was in Qatar, where Al Jazeera is based, and did not attend the trial. Her Cairo office said the verdict and sentence would be appealed.



Taha Matwali

DUBAI: During a meeting this spring, the International Association of Press Clubs formally inducted into its membership the OPC, the Berlin Press Club and the National Press Club of Australia. The Association now represents 10,000 journalists around the world. Reporting that 1,000 journalists have been killed in the past 10 years, an Association statement said, "We call on all countries to capture and prosecute all those guilty of murder and violence against media personnel, including the local people who help journalists as drivers and translators in war zones."

FAIRFIELD, Connecticut: After living through the Great Depression and the 1930s Dust Bowl in Kansas, serving as a U.S. Army G.I. in World War II and the Korean War, covering the origins of the Vietnam War, joining the OPC in 1960 and writing for the *OPC Bulletin* since 1967, the *Bulletin's* "People" columnist reached his 87th birthday in June.

GARDEN CITY, Kansas: Even in the nation's heartland they worry about the decline in foreign news reporting. **Dolores Hope**, *Garden City Telegram* columnist in this town of 27,000 population, suggests that big city newspapers may become more like small town

dailies. Noting the closure of overseas bureaus by *The Boston Globe*, *Newsday* and *The Baltimore Sun*, Hope wrote, "In the presence of steep budget cuts, do they get out of international and national coverage and focus relentlessly on their local markets? Probably so..." A recent report noted that the number of foreign correspondents at U.S. newspapers had dropped to 249 in 2006, down nearly 12% from 282 in 2000."

GAZA CITY: BBC received a video tape in May that demanded the release of Muslim prisoners in Britain in exchange for kidnapped BBC correspondent **Alan Johnston**. The video, made by the Army of Islam, showed a picture of Johnston's BBC identity card. Seized from his car in Gaza City on March 12, Johnston, 44, has been held longer than any other journalist captured in Gaza (April *Bulletin*). Among the prisoners the Army of Islam wants released is Sheikh Abu Qatada, an Islamic cleric of Palestinian origin suspected of close links to Al Qaeda. A group calling itself the Jihad and Tawhid Brigades said in April it had killed Johnston but failed to show a video substantiating its claim.



Alan Johnston

HARARE: Journalists had planned to hold 10 marches throughout Zimbabwe on the May 3 World Press Freedom Day. But police barred the demonstrations that were to protest the growing number of arrests, jailings and attacks on journalists.

HARTSDALE, New York: OPC member **Walter H. Diamond**, 94: "One advantage of getting old is that recognition can come late in life." And honors are continuing to pour in for Walter, an economist, tax authority, writer and editor, and his wife and professional colleague Dorothy. Columbia University's Graduate School of

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Journalism has established an international business journalism fellowship program in their names for students or prospective writers in developing countries. An international business library wing at Wellesley College's Margaret Clapp Library has been built and named for the Diamonds. Walter was also elected to the Wall of Fame at William Nottingham High School in Syracuse, New York. Walter was on an assignment in Dubai this spring.

HAVANA: Journalist **Roberto de Jesús Guerra Pérez** was released in May after spending nearly two years in prison on charges of disturbing the peace by taking part in an anti-government protest. He was a correspondent for Miami-based *PayoLibre* and *Nueva Prensa Cubana* Web sites and for Radio Marti, an anti-Castro broadcast station financed by the U.S. government.

ISTANBUL: At its world congress in May, the International Press Institute presented its 2007 Free Media Pioneer Award to Mizzima News for providing "accurate and timely news and information on Burma." The news agency was founded in 1998 by a group of Burmese journalists in exile. Its head office is in New Delhi with a news bureau in Thailand and some 30 correspondents, including Burmese and foreign journalists, in Bangladesh, Burma, China, India and Thailand.

The agency's aim is "promoting awareness about the ongoing situation in Burma and promoting democracy and freedom of expression in Burma." IPI said, "Burma's military government has tried to limit Mizzima's ability to collect and disseminate information." The IPI award was received at the Istanbul meeting by **Sein Win**, Mizzima's managing editor.

ITHACA, New York: Issues of the *Cornell Daily Sun's* first 50 years of publication, 1880 to 1930, are being digitalized thanks to a major gift from **Keith Johnson**, a former overseas news correspondent.

Johnson was editor-in-chief of the student-run paper in his senior year at Cornell University. After graduating in 1956, he worked for the *New York*



Herald Tribune, *Time* and *Fortune* and helped found *Money* magazine before retiring in 1993. He reported from Washington, Paris, London and Saigon.

Because Cornell has no journalism department, the *Daily Sun* has served as the training school for generations of students who went to careers as journalists. They include OPC member **Edie Lederer**, an AP correspondent who covered the Vietnam War and now is the wire service's U.N. bureau chief.

LONDON: **Bob Elegant**, who reported from Asia for *INS* and *Newsweek* from the Korean War to the Vietnam War, recently returned to Saigon for the first time since 1975, accompanied by his wife, **Rosemary Righter**, associate editor and columnist for the *London Times*.

In an e-mail to "People," Bob wrote:

Vietnam is racing into new era semi-capitalism like the Chinese... . The second language is no longer French, but American English. Finally, the currency in which most things and services cost is the US\$...

And Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City, if you wish, although the inhabitants still use the old name, is bustling – not only a premier tourist destination, but 'abubble' with economic activity. It used to be bicycles that were the primary mode of transportation. It is now motorscooters and motorcycles moving rapidly toward small cars.

Elegant, president of the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club from 1961 to 1962, reported that he is completing a rewrite of his non-fiction book *Shanghai*.

The London Press Club, founded in 1882, this year is observing the 21st anniversary of its present reorganization. The club was founded by George Augusta Sala (1828-1896), who has been called "the premier journalist of Fleet Street." After some of his articles were published in *Household Words*, edited by Charles Dickens, Sala joined *The Daily Telegraph* in 1857, working there the remainder of his life. He was noted for his articles covering the American Civil War.

In a May 3 World Press Freedom Day report on the Russian press, BBC News said Russian officials "insist that there is a genuine pluralism of opinion – in the printed media, at least. However, television remains the main source of information for the majority of Russians. And it does not allow opposition voices to be heard. Hard-hitting investigative journalism has been replaced by Soviet-style 'razoblacheniya' – or exposes. They often look crude and carry unsubstantiated allegations... . To be fair, there are newspapers in Russia – *Novaya Gazeta* and *Kommersant* among others – that carry considered, informed, balanced writing. Their readerships are not large – perhaps in the tens of thousands." BBC quoted the U.S.-based Freedom House saying Russia's once "lively and probing" press has been turned into "a toothless sounding board" for official opinion.

MANILA: Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo received yet another letter from the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee in May expressing "profound and growing concern for the fate of our fellow journalists in your country." The letter cited three recent attacks. **Hernani Pastolero**, 64, editor of the *Lightning Courier Weekly*, was shot dead in front of his home on Mindanao by a gunman who escaped on foot. The body of **Carmelo Palacio**, who worked for dzRG Radio ng Bayan and was investigating a corruption case involving local officials and police, was dumped from an unidentified car several hours after he left a police station. Two bullet wounds were in his head along with facial fractures and injuries to his body. While walking to work,



Spencer Platt's photo depicting young Lebanese driving through South Beirut won World Press Photo of the Year 2006. The photo was originally shot in color on Aug. 15, 2006, the day after the Israeli-Hezbollah ceasefire.

THIS YEAR MARKS THE 50TH ANNUAL World Press Photo Contest. U.S. photographer Spencer Platt of Getty Images won the World Press Photo of the Year 2006 award.

Two 2006 OPC photo award winners also received honors in the World Press Contest: **Q. Sakamaki** who won the OPC's Olivier Rebbot Award for his photos of the civil war in Sri Lanka, also won the World Press "People in the News" award, and **Paolo Pellegrin**, this year's Robert Capa Award winner, won a World Press award for "General News" photos.

Judges for this year's World Press Photo contest included OPC member **Maria Mann**, photography consultant and **Michele McNally**, director of photography and assistant managing editor for *The New York Times*.

Four past winners of the World Press Photo of the Year competition that captured historic events and became symbols of their times are featured in the 55-minute documentary film *Looking for an Icon*, which opened in a Greenwich Village theater in May.

The movie examines the stories behind Eddie Adams' 1968 photo of a Viet Cong prisoner being executed on a Saigon street, an anonymous photographer's 1973 image of President Salvador Allende of Chile shortly before he was assassinated, Charlie Cole's 1989 photo of a lone student halting tanks in Tiananmen Square and David Turnley's 1991 photo of a U.S. soldier weeping near the body of his friend during the first Gulf War.

Adams' photo became an anti-war symbol. But in the film, the AP photographer says that he regrets that the shooter, Gen. Nguyen Ngoc Loan, South Vietnam's national police chief, appears to be cold blooded. Adams believed Gen. Loan, who was his friend, was a decent man who snapped under pressure.



Eddie Adams' photo featured in the documentary, *Looking for an Icon* was taken in 1968.

- Al Kaff

Delphin Mallari, correspondent for the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, and **Johnny Glorioso**, a reporter for Radio DWKI, were fired upon by two men on a motorcycle. Mallari was wounded, but Glorioso was unharmed. In the OPC letter to the Philippine president, **Jacqueline Albert-Simon** and **Larry Martz** wrote that 25 journalists have been murdered in the Philippines since 2000 and only one case has been brought to trial.

NEW YORK: Despite being paralyzed from the waist down, OPC member **Horst Faas**, 74, came to New York from his home in Munich, Germany, in May to attend AP's annual "25 Year Dinner" that honors AP alumni who have worked for the wire service for 25 years or longer. The dinner also honored Faas, AP's former senior photo editor, and celebrated the new history of AP, "Breaking News," that is being published in June. During one week in New York, Faas participated in a photo journalism panel at AP's world headquarters. Faas, an AP photographer who won a Pulitzer Prize while covering the Vietnam War from 1962 to 1974, was paralyzed by a blood clot on his spinal column that developed when he made a trip to Hanoi two years ago. **Richard Pyle**, one of the 12 co-authors of the new AP history, told "People" that Faas has become a local celebrity in his motorized wheelchair, traveling around Europe by train to attend photo exhibits. His trip to New York was his first by air since he was stricken. Before he left for New York, Horst was visited in Munich by OPC member **Murray Fromson**, Faas' colleague in Asia, and his wife Dodi. Dodi reported, "Horst is marvelous, amazing, just as wonderful as ever."

The Asia Society awarded **Evan Osnos**, the *Chicago Tribune's* Beijing bureau chief, its 2007 Osborn Elliott Prize for Excellence in Journalism on Asia. The \$10,000 cash prize was presented in June for Osnos' three-part series on how U.S. and global demand for Chinese goods is reshaping the world. Honorable mentions went to **Paul Watson**, *Los Angeles Times*, for his series on conflict and corruption in

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Afghanistan and **Jonathan Watts**, *The Guardian* and *The Observer*, for his series on urbanization and development in China. The New York-based Asia Society wrote that in one example "Osnos meticulously documented how hunger for inexpensive cashmere sweaters has triggered overgrazing, fueling dust storms from China's Alashan Plateau heavy enough to carry air pollutions back to U.S. consumers." Osnos' reports on China's environmental devastation also won this year's OPC Whitman Bassow Award for best environmental reporting internationally. OPC member **Norman Pearlstine** chaired the Asia Society jury.

NBC appointed OPC Member **Mark Whitaker** in May to be senior vice president for news, overseeing the network's news reporting. He works under **Steve Capas**, the news division's president. Whitaker, former editor of *Newsweek*, fills an assignment last held by **Bill Wheatley**, who left two years ago. Whitaker, 49, was *Newsweek's* top editor from 1998 to 2006 and then was named vice president and editor-in-chief of new ventures at the *Washington Post-Newsweek* interactive division. He is the husband of former OPC President **Alexis Gelber**.

Betty Wong's work has expanded from the Americas to all the world. A member of the OPC Foundation's board, Wong was appointed global head of Reuters editorial operations this spring while continuing to serve as the news service's managing editor for the Americas. She was promoted into the bigger assignment by OPC member **David Schlesinger**, Reuters' editor-in-chief based in London.

This year's National Magazine Awards were announced in May and four went to international reporting: *Esquire* for "The School" by *The New York Times* reporter **C.J. Chivers** about a three-day siege by Chechen terrorists; *Vanity Fair* for **William Langewiesche's**

"Rules of Engagement" about the massacre of Iraqi citizens by U.S. Marines; *GQ* for "The Other Side of Hate" about Zimbabwe by **Andrew Corsello**; and *Foreign Policy* for general excellence for magazines with circulations between 100,000 and 250,000.

Clark Hoyt, 64, who oversaw Knight Ridder's newspaper coverage that questioned the Bush administration's case for the Iraq war, was appointed public editor of *The New York Times* in May to serve for two years. He is *The Times's* third editor assigned to judge the paper's reporting. Hoyt was Knight Ridder's Washington editor before the war when the newspaper chain stood apart from most mainstream news media in questioning White House claims that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and ties to Al Qaeda. **Bill Keller**, *The Times's* executive editor, said that stand contributed to Hoyt's appointment. As Washington editor from 1999 until Knight Ridder was sold last year, Hoyt oversaw the chain's Washington and foreign bureaus, and its news service.

The New York Times columnist **Nicholas D. Kristof** selected **Leana Wen**, a medical student at Washington University in St. Louis, and **Will Okun**, a teacher at Westside Alternative High



Nicholas Kristof

School in Chicago, to accompany him on a reporting trip this summer through Rwanda, Burundi and eastern Congo, all expenses paid. They were selected in *The Times* second annual "Win A Trip With Nick Kristof" contest in which contestants write an essay explaining why they would like to travel with Kristof on an assignment in the developing world (April *Bulletin*). Kristof is an OPC member.

Meanwhile, in Ithaca, New York, Kristof told a Cornell University audience that the response to genocide in Sudan has been "incredibly inadequate" despite the \$2 billion the Bush Administration has spent on relief

efforts in Sudan. Relief efforts in Darfur are deteriorating as the region becomes increasingly insecure, he said. Kristof reported that since 2006, 11 aid workers have been killed in Darfur, and seven aid groups have pulled out of a region near Chad because of dangers posed by the Janaweed, nomadic Arabic-speaking African gunmen.

PASADENA, California: An Indian reporter is covering the weekly Pasadena City Council meetings without leaving his office in India. He was hired by **James Macpherson**, editor and publisher of the Web site pasadenanow.com. Although he has never been closer to Pasadena than watching the Rose Bowl parade on TV, the Indian journalist is covering council meetings by watching them on the Internet and reporting on the city's government and political scene.



James Macpherson

Some of his articles are bylined.

"Whether you are at a desk in Pasadena or a desk in Mumbai, you're still just a phone call or e-mail away from the interviews," said Macpherson in an AP article. He added that it makes business sense because of India's lower labor costs.

But **Bryce Nelson**, a University of Southern California journalism professor who lives in Pasadena said, "Nobody in their right mind would trust the reporting of people who not only don't know the institutions but aren't even there to witness the events and nuances."

This was not the first time that media jobs were shipped to India. Reuters runs an operation in Bangalore that churns out Wall Street stories based on news releases.

STOCKTON, New Jersey: **Vicky Wakefield**, a former business news editor in Hong Kong, and her husband, **Pablo Fraenkel**, a writer and medical therapist, made their annual trip to Israel this spring to visit his cousin and reminisce with **Sylvana Foa**, a former UPI correspondent in Asia. In the 1970s, Vicky was appointed the first Asia editor of Unicom, a UPI business wire.

TRIPOLI, Libya: *Al Jamahiriya*, a government newspaper, has published a rare criticism denouncing officials who bar Libyan women from traveling abroad alone. "Turning back women traveling alone is a stark and crude abuse of basic women's rights," the newspaper wrote.

WASHINGTON D.C.: They were the hottest tickets in town, and five of them went to members of the press. Among the 130 people invited to President and Laura Bush's white-tie dinner in honor of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip were **David Gregory**, NBC News; **Jim Nantz**, CBS Sports; **Robin Roberts**, ABC News; **Steven Holland**, Reuters, and **Richard Wolffe**, *Newsweek*.



Artist rendering of the Newseum

The new Newseum on Pennsylvania Avenue is scheduled to open on October 15, and it will contain grim reminders of the hazards faced by reporters. Among the displays will be the laptop used by **Daniel Pearl**, *The Wall Street Journal* reporter murdered in Pakistan in 2002; the vest **Bob Woodruff** of ABC News was wearing last year when he was wounded by a roadside bomb in Iraq; *Time* magazine's armored truck from the Balkans, pockmarked with bullet holes; a pencil used by reporter **Mark H. Kellogg**, who was killed at Little Bighorn in 1876; the cellphone that a Virginia Tech student used to capture a video of the April campus massacre; and **Edward R. Murrow's** World War II microphone.

The new \$435 million Newseum is a bigger and more high-tech reinvention of the former Newseum in Arlington, Virginia.

Ralph Appelbaum, who put together

the collection, said, "We trace the way news is perceived and digested and remembered. All the elements here are devoted to revealing this extraordinary discipline of journalism that has shaped how we see history."



The OPC Freedom of the Press Committee wrote to U.S. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates in May about "abuses by the U.S. military of journalists trying to cover the [Iraq] conflict."

Signed by committee co-chairs **Larry Martz** and **Norman A. Schorr**, the letter charged that at least 17 journalists have been killed in Iraq by fire from U.S. forces. The letter said U.S. soldiers arrested Fourat Jamal al Atabi, 31, a freelance journalist, in February, and "if he has been released, we are not aware of it."

Martz and Schorr continued, "Mr. Secretary, last April 12 marked a full year since the arrest of **Bilal Hussein**, a Pulitzer Prize-winning Iraqi photojournalist working for the Associated Press, who has been held in a U.S. prison in Iraq for a year without charges... The U.S. military continues to hold Al-Jazeera cameraman **Sami al-Haj** in detention at Guantánamo [since] first detained in Pakistan in December 2001 [and he] has not been charged or provided due process."

In a letter to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri Kamal al-Maliki, Martz and Schorr wrote, "We are increasingly troubled by your government's efforts to curb independent reporting of the war, and by reports that Iraqi security forces, along with U.S. troops, have targeted journalists and violated their rights by arresting, beating, and holding them for protracted periods without charges..."

"We must point out again that the current rationale for the U.S.-led Coalition's presence in Iraq is largely to establish a model for democracy in the Middle East. Any such model must feature prominently freedom of speech and of the press, however inconvenient a free media may seem to those in authority."

WELLINGTON, New Zealand:

The National Press Club of New Zealand has asked Poland to release a club member's relative from the "injustice of imprisonment." The club emphasized its request by reminding Poland that New Zealand was the first nation in the British Empire to declare war on Germany in 1939 after the Nazis invaded Poland.

In a petition handed to Polish Ambassador Lech Masterlez, the Press Club demanded the release of **Bruce Robinson**, relative of longtime club member John Brooks. Club president Peter Isaac said Robinson has been detained in Poland for over a year, "most of the time in appalling conditions," following collapse of a government building in Katowice that Robinson's company was renting for an exhibition. The petition said Robinson had no responsibility for construction of the building.

WEDDING

Patricia Gross, 52, a former BBC television producer, and Gavin Franklin, 50, an architect in Watford, England, were married May 6 on New York's Brooklyn Bridge by a Universal Life minister.

The bride produced and directed BBC television documentary films from 1989 to 1996. More recently she oversaw press relations for Abortion Rights Mobilization, an advocacy group based in New York.

IN MEMORY

Bill Bell, 75, a UPI foreign correspondent before he became a *New York Daily News* reporter and columnist, died of cancer May 12. During his 25 years with UPI, Bell reported from Panama, Africa, Asia and Europe.

He then spent another 25 years at the *Daily News*, where the people he wrote about ranged from Fidel Castro to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to Chris Wilgenkamp, who cleaned elephant toenails at the Bronx zoo. Bell retired in April.

Bill Holstein, president of the OPC Foundation and a former UPI correspondent in Hong Kong and Beijing, told "People" that before he became a

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foreign correspondent he telephoned Bell to see if he had the right stuff to report from overseas.

Bell became one of Holstein's mentors in New York while he prepared for his Asia assignment.

Octavio Frias de Oliveira, 94, who put together one of Brazil's biggest and most influential media empires, died of kidney failure April 29 at his Sao Paulo home. Frias was publisher of *Folha de Sao Paulo*, Brazil's largest newspaper. His parent company controls or partly owns the newspapers *Agora* and *Valor Economico*, a publishing house, research firm, newspaper distribution company, graphic design company and Brazil's biggest online portal, Universo Online.

In a *New York Times* obituary, Andrew Downie, wrote, "The paper [*Folha*], progressive editorially, was notable for maintaining its independence after Brazil's civilian government was toppled in a military coup in 1964... . Some of those opinions [by prominent figures arguing the pros and cons of a topical issue on the op-ed page], along with others voiced in the paper, prompted military leaders to lean on Mr. Frias, but he never shied from criticizing elected leaders from all points of the political spectrum."

Axel Madsen, 76, a former newsman in Paris, Canada and Hollywood, died of pancreatic cancer in his Los Angeles home April 23.

Born in Copenhagen to a Danish father and French mother, Madsen grew up in Paris, where he worked for the *New York Herald Tribune* in the early 1950s. He then worked for UPI in Canada before heading for Hollywood in the 1960s.

He was a film reporter, and author of more than a dozen biographies on movie directors, actors, fashion designers, French thinkers and business leaders — ranging from Gloria Swanson to André Malraux to John Jacob Astor.

Kate Webb, Fearless Journalist

by Al Kaff

Agence France-Presse called her a "legendary foreign correspondent who covered the key events that shaped modern Asia over the past four decades." But that accolade didn't come easy for **Kate Webb**.

In April 1971, she was captured by North Vietnamese troops in Cambodia, held prisoner for several weeks and then released after her obituary had been printed in newspapers around the world. A motorbike accident in New Delhi ruined half her face. In Kabul, militia bashed her head and tore out her hair.

While stricken with malaria, Kate arranged to meet John Wheeler of AP in New York for a beer. When she failed to appear, Wheeler said "she wouldn't pass up a beer," and OPC member **Bill Landrey**, UPI foreign editor, went to her hotel and found her in a coma.

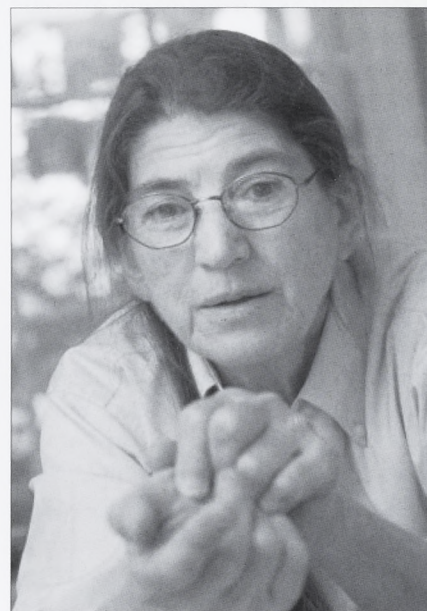
During the Vietnam War she braved bullets and shrapnel to help the wounded. In Afghanistan, she gave shelter to refugees in her house, arranged for them to move to Australia and paid for two of their sons to go to university.

Born in New Zealand, Kate quit a newspaper job in Australia in 1967 and bought a one-way ticket to Saigon, where she was one of the first women to cover the Vietnam War. After 13 years with UPI, she joined AFP. From 1985 until retiring in 2001, she reported for the French news agency from Indonesia, East Timor, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Hong Kong and South Korea.

She covered the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi in India, Cambodia's killing fields, the fall of President Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines and President Suharto in Indonesia, Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, East Timor civil war, handover of Hong Kong to China and the first Gulf War.

OPC member Peter Arnett, a Vietnam War correspondent, said, "She was fearless as an action reporter, with a talent for the vivid phrase." Eric Wishart, AFP's Asia-Pacific director, said, "She was an inspiration to generations of young journalists, and she also had a very human, caring side."

In *War Torn: Stories of War From the Women Reporters Who Covered Vietnam*, Kate wrote, "The Vietnam



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Kate Webb was the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism's visiting professional for the 2004 to 05 school year at Ohio University.

Philip Ewing, now an editor at *Navy Times*, was the student newspaper's managing editor from 2004 to 2006, and wrote an editorial for the paper in May:

"Kate Webb was not an academic, she was fond of telling us... she forgot for weeks to give tests (she called them 'questionnaires') or gave two or three in a row, depending on when administrators were haranguing her for grades. Nonetheless I will remember her as one of the best professors I've ever had, in journalism or any other subject, because she brought into the classroom real, honest-to-God, capital-E Experience, and with it all, a manner of practical suggestions and instructions."

War didn't change me... I now appreciate such simple things as clean, white-tiled bathrooms."

Hard drinking and a heavy smoker, Kate never married. She spoke almost in a whisper. Catherine M. Webb was diagnosed with bowel cancer last year. The malignancy spread rapidly, and she died May 13 in a Sydney hospital at age 64.

New Editor for OPC *Bulletin* and Online

After working for *The Wall Street Journal* in Brussels, I know firsthand how important it is to have a touchstone.

It's difficult to sum up the overseas experience to friends, family and colleagues who remain at home. Having an organization like the OPC can be a refreshing shortcut and support base



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when home-sickness kicks in, or you'd just like to be able to sit around and talk with someone about the issues

faced in your daily work.

As the new editor for the *Bulletin* and opcofamerica.org, I hope to maintain the solid work established by predecessors and to build a vigorous online community so that an engaging exchange can take place in real time.

It's mind boggling to think about the innumerable skills the membership of the OPC can bring to the *Bulletin* and the Web site to share with other journalists. To that end, please contact me with story ideas, views from afield or things you'd like to see incorporated into the OPC's print and online publications.

There'll be some changes in the *Bulletin* and most notably online. Keep checking the Web site and e-mail with your thoughts and needs for the OPC.

— **Aimee Rinehart**
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Correspondents Fund Announces Grant Recipients for 2007

The Correspondents Fund made grants at its April 30 meeting to several journalists in need. The board awarded funds to a young Sierra Leonian journalist attempting to finish his college education in New York, to an Iraqi interpreter who was forced to flee his native land and to a Vietnamese translator and fixer who helped American journalists cover that war. He is now dying of cancer.

The Correspondents Fund exists to provide grants to journalists in need and considers requests from American and non-American journalists. Grants are typically no more than \$5,000 to journalists

who have sudden medical needs or who have to flee their native countries. The Fund also makes limited grants to support scholarships for journalists who aspire to cover international affairs.

"The key steps in applying for these grants is getting a written proposal into my hands or the hands of another board member," said **Bill Holstein**, former OPC President who is now on the board of the Fund. "You need to specify a certain amount of money that is needed to address your problem."

Another factor in the board's decision-making is whether the Fund has a

reliable way of delivering the money. For example, the board deferred action on a request for money from an Iraqi journalist because there was no reliable way to get the money to him.

New board members include former *Business Week* editor **Steve Shepard**, now head of the graduate journalism program at City University of New York, and long-time *New York Times* correspondent **Craig Whitney**. Send requests to the Fund to: OPC of America, 40 West 45 Street, New York, NY 10036 or e-mail: bholstein2001@yahoo.com.

The Fund meets next in September.

Gang Warfare in Mexico Endangers Journalists

PRESS FREEDOM

by Jeremy Main

After years of murders, kidnappings, bombings, and threats against the press in Mexico, organized crime has temporarily closed one major newspaper, *Cambio Sonora*. The newspaper office in Hermosillo, the state capital, was the target of grenade attacks in April and May. The newspaper and its reporters had also received threats for their reporting on corruption.

Mario Vázquez Raña, president of the company that owns *Cambio Sonora*, announced on May 24 that the newspaper would suspend publication until the state government took steps to protect the newspaper and its more than 250 workers and collaborators. So far, "incredibly," the state government has done nothing, he said.

That's not surprising. After Iraq, Mexico is known to be one of the most dangerous places in the world to be a journalist, especially now, because the wars among drug traffickers have escalated. By the Committee to Protect Journalists' count, six journalists have been murdered in reprisal for their work since 2000 and 12 more murders are likely to have been for the same reason. Reporters Without Borders puts the total at about one dozen. In the murder of the American freelance journalist and filmmaker Brad Will in Oaxaca this past fall, the gunman was caught on camera. Even so, none of these cases have been solved.

Threat of murder is only part of the mantle of terror that poisons the lives of journalists in Mexico – at least, of those who try to report honestly about crime and corruption. According to Reporters Without Borders, three journalists have been kidnapped so far this year, and one body has been found. An unknown number of journalists have been kidnapped and released after a few days, and failed to report the crime for fear of retaliation.

Threats to journalists come in

No More Jail for "Insults"

In the midst of all the crimes and terror against the Mexican press, the government has taken one step that might, under other circumstances, make the press cheer. President Felipe Calderón signed a law in April decriminalizing defamation, libel, and "insults," which have been punishable with prison sentences.

In most Western countries, these are civil offenses that can be punished only with fines and damages. But in much of the rest of the world, particularly Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America, the "insult" laws, an archaic leftover from the times when a citizen could not criticize his king, are still widely used to jail critics of the government and prominent citizens. Many authoritarian governments justify their laws by saying it is modeled on France's 1881 law and France is, after all, a western democracy. However, Charles de Gaulle was the last French leader to use it and succeeding presidents have said they would never use it.

Under steady pressure from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and from freedom of the press groups, Latin American governments have been getting rid of their insult laws, beginning with Argentina in 1994. In April, Mexico became the seventh Latin country to do so.

The change in the Mexican law was pushed along by the case of the writer Lydia Cacho Ribeiro. She was sued under the old criminal defamation law in 2005 by a clothing manufacturer she accused of having ties with a pedophile. She had written that local police and politicians were complicit in a child prostitution ring in Cancún. Her case inspired the Mexican Senate to move to change the law. However, by the time it was passed, a judge had already dismissed the charges against her.

The removal of the old insult law can hardly be of much comfort to Mexican journalists working under the threat of assassination and kidnapping, but it helps.

- Jeremy Main

many ways. A well-known freelancer, Lydia Cacho Ribeiro, who had written about the complicity of police and politicians in a child prostitution ring in Cancún, was being driven from the Mexico City airport with an escort of three policemen – assigned because of death threats – when the car veered out of control. It had been sabotaged. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

These enemies of the press have added a gruesome new trick: On May 3, World Press Freedom Day, a severed human head was discovered on a street in Veracruz. Attached to the head was a "narco message": Here is a gift for journalists, and other heads will fall, as Milo Vela well knows. Vela is a columnist for *Notiver* in Veracruz. On May 25, men in two

Jeeps stopped in front of the offices of *Tabasco Hoy* in the southeastern city of Villahermosa, and left a cooler containing another severed head. As they left, one of the men shouted, "This is what they are sending you." This head belonged to Terencio Sastré Hidalgo, a politician for El Cedro, a nearby town in the municipality of Nacajuca.

The Mexican press has understandably become reluctant to report on crime and corruption. Some journalists censor themselves, others receive whispered telephone calls telling them not to report on stories, others take money to keep quiet. When the editor of *El Mañana*, Roberto Javier Mora García, was stabbed to death in March 2004, the newspaper

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started to censor its coverage of drug trafficking and crime in Nuevo Laredo, a lawless border city. When gunmen attacked the offices in 2006, and seriously wounded one reporter, the current editor, Ramón Cantú, said coverage would be further cut back.

However, this second attack on *El Mañana* did have one ostensibly positive result: Then-President Vicente Fox appointed David Vega Vera, a prominent lawyer and activist, to the new post of prosecutor to investigate crimes against journalists. Vega has taken over investigations of crimes against journalists from state authorities, but has not produced any convictions.

The silencing of the media continues. When Amado Ramírez, who had a news program on Radiorama Acapulco, was shot down as he left his office in April, his co-host, Misael Habana, continued to air the program. But when the station received threats that he would be next, Radiorama Acapulco took the program off the air.

Cambio Sonora is the first newspaper to shut down, even if temporarily. The company president, Vázquez Raña, said that "with profound sadness we

have to recognize that in Sonora the situation of insecurity and the dangers that confront the newspaper *Cambio Sonora*, have reached the limits that common sense, patience, and human sensibility can tolerate." He said that when grenades were tossed onto the grounds of the newspaper, the state government took no action.

In spite of the shut-down, *Cambio Sonora's* Web site, www.oem.com.mx/cambiosonora continues to function and report on crime and politics. It said that federal troops had stopped a trailer truck on May 23 and found 136 packages of drugs, mostly cocaine. The drugs were concealed under a load of frozen chicken packed with the logo "Pacheco," a company owned by the family of Sonora governor Eduardo Bours.

The Web site of *Tabasco Hoy* did not hesitate to report the discovery of the human head at its front door, with a photo of the cooler containing the head.

As serious as the plight of journalists in Mexico is, it needs to be considered in the light of the horrendous rate of crime arising out of the drug wars. The federal prosecutor's office reported in April the murders of 364 people connected with drug trafficking in the

preceding month. In Monterrey, the capital of Nuevo León, 150 state police refused to go on patrol because this year 67 people have been executed in the state, 24 of them policemen.

Reporters Without Borders, the Committee to Protect Journalists and other organizations, including the Overseas Press Club, have bombarded Mexican officials with protests about their failure to protect journalists. The CPJ sent a delegation to meet with the Mexican ambassador in Washington D.C. in May. While the Mexican government has appointed a federal prosecutor to focus on attacks on the press, there have been no successful prosecutions so far.

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ONLINE:

Former OPC president and current co-chair of the Freedom of the Press Committee **Larry Martz** writes about press freedom in Russia on www.opcofamerica.org

New Books:

A Special Mission: Hitler's Secret Plot to Seize the Vatican and Kidnap Pope Pius XII

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Seize the Vatican and Kidnap Pope Pius XII [Cambridge, Massachusetts: Da Capo Press]. To seek out the truth, Kurzman interviewed Karl Wolff, the SS general ordered by Hitler to plan the kidnapping; other German officials, and Vatican sources.

After the coup against Mussolini, Hitler ordered his troops into Rome where they could carry out the attack on Pius. But some German officers and diplomats believed that a Papal abduction would be ruinous to Germany.

As for Wolff, Kurzman wrote, Wolff "would have willingly and proudly, committed almost any act for the Führer – but abduct the pope? Madness! That could turn all of Italy and the whole Catholic world

against Germany... . Wolff's initial reaction to Hitler's blunt kidnap order was to think of a way to avoid carrying it out."

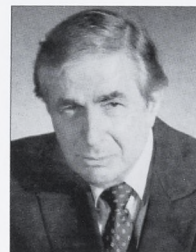
After his post-war release from a British prison, Wolff told Kurzman that he foiled the plot not only to save the Pope but almost most of the Roman Jews.

Winner of two OPC awards for best book on international affairs, Kurzman started reporting from overseas in the 1950s when he was Asian bureau chief of McGraw-Hill News Service in Tokyo. Later he was Jerusalem bureau chief for NBC News and then a *Washington Post* foreign correspondent.

His previous 16 books include vol-

umes about the four chaplains who died in a World War II ship sinking, the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, the sinking by a Japanese submarine of the USS

Indianapolis on July 30, 1945 after it delivered the atomic bomb to Tinian for the attack on Hiroshima, the Bhopal catastrophe at the Union Carbide plant in India, the Spanish civil war and the first Arab-Israeli War.



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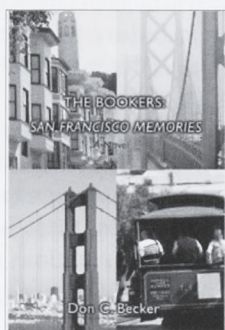
New Books

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"WRITING A BOOK IS GREAT FUN."

That's what **Don C. Becker** recommended and that's what he did. A former wire service correspondent in Asia and newspaper executive in the United States, Becker started his first book when he was 71, explaining, "I always hoped I would one day get around to writing a fictionalized version of my experiences in life, real and imagined... I began this book in January 2005 with the notion that I would produce two or three chapters a week averaging 1,500 to 2,000 words." Becker wrote 207,000 words that fill 615 pages of *The Bookers: San Francisco Memories, A Novel* [New York: iUniverse, Inc.].

Part fiction, part fact, the book relates the experiences of the fiction-



al Booker family, based on real Beckers, from the 1930s to the present, growing up in San Francisco while the real estate and stock markets soared, and manners and morals changed dramatically.

Just as Becker did in real life, the fictional Joe Booker becomes a UPI correspondent and manager in Singapore. Joe meets the real-life **Ernie Hoberecht**, UPI's vice president for Asia and an OPC member who died in 1999. In comments painfully true, the book reports on the wire service and Hoberecht:

"The Asian Division of UPI was one of the cheapest in the company... UPI operated on the theory that you could get talented people who were just starting out at very low salaries. Once they had proved themselves, they would be hiring targets for other more prestigious companies. When they left, new blood – and there was always plenty of it available – was hired to take their place."

Ernie told the fictional Joe, just as he told the real-life Becker before sending him off to Singapore, "Writers are a dime a dozen. What I need are people who can sell the news... We need more money out of your area, and it is going to be up to you; it is your first priority."

Becker, now 73, was a UPI manager in Singapore, Manila and Puerto Rico before joining Knight Ridder Newspapers as director of corporate relations in 1973.

He later ran three of the chain's papers: publisher/chairman of the Gary,

Indiana *Post-Tribune*, then president of the *Detroit Free Press* and finally publisher/president of *The Journal of Commerce*. Briefly a minor league baseball player in his youth, Becker was deputy commissioner of the National Professional Soccer League from 1967 to 1968.

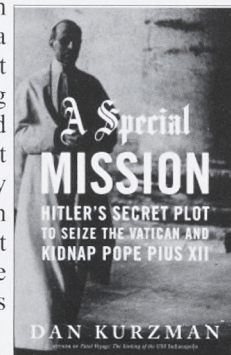
The "New Books" columnist who wrote this item was Becker's UPI boss in Manila from 1961 to 1963 and who, unlike Becker, remained with UPI until he was 65.

EUROPE

"**A** DOLF HITLER'S PLOT to kidnap and perhaps kill Pope Pius XII and loot the Vatican after Italian dictator Benito Mussolini was ousted from power was a most important and intriguing episode of World War II. Yet, it has been barely mentioned in even the most comprehensive history books about the war."

That's the word from veteran foreign correspondent Dan Kurzman.

Previous reports about the plot were treated as rumor, but "the plot, however, was real indeed," Kurzman wrote in *A Special Mission: Hitler's Secret Plot to*



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